

Spotlight on Upstate

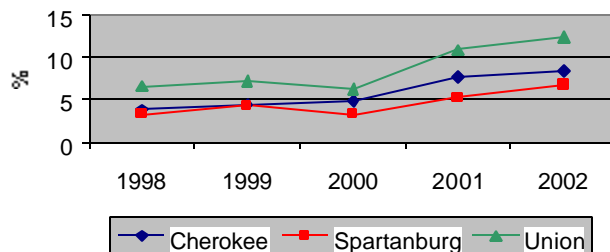
Location & Climate

Located in the Northwestern area of the state, the Upstate WIA is comprised of three (3) counties: Cherokee, Spartanburg, and Union. This area experiences average temperatures from the upper 50s to lower 60s, and between 48.21 and 50.46 inches of precipitation annually.

Labor Force

The labor force in the Upstate area reached 169,540 in 2002. The 2002 unemployment rate spanned from 6.8% to 12.4%, showing an increase since 2001.

WIA Unemployment Rate by County



Per Capita Income

Per Capita Income for Upstate WIA counties in 2001 ranged from \$20,723 in Union County to \$24,430 in Spartanburg County; between 83% and 98% of the state's PCI of \$24,840.

Population

Total area population 2001: 339,971
Male: 48.4% **Female:** 51.6%
White: 74.7% **Nonwhite:** 25.3%

Employment

Average monthly employment for counties across the Upstate WIA ranged from 12,290 in Union to 120,410 in Spartanburg.

Unemployment Insurance Benefits

In 2002, Unemployment insurance benefits paid by Workforce centers in the Upstate WIA reached a total of \$47.196,784.